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A New and Original Imperial and Royal PLAN, according to the Uſage of the Potentates and Sovereign Princes of Europe, as well as in all the poliſhed Courts throughout the known World.

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~~At No. 62, Old Bond Street, London.~~

NOTWITHSTANDING the many beneficial Inſtitutions that have been eſtabliſhed within the compaſs of the preſent century, perhaps there is not one of them, that can ſo deſervedly claim the palm of real and eſſential ſervice, to the community at large, as this Plan now ſubmitted for public inſpection.

Though painful the reflection, yet truth requires the inveſtigation, that on a review of the oppoſite ſexes who are under the denomination of man and wife, ſcarce one half are married people! Surely any ſcheme that could tend to remove ſo glaring an error, not to ſay a *national curſe*, ought to be encouraged and countenanced by every means that can poſſibly be invented. In every claſs and rank of life, we view the ſame evil, and ſin and ſhame ſeem to be enveloped in the ſink of modern cuſtom. If the Society termed *Philanthropic* deſerved well of their country for their care of the riſing generation of vagrants in indigence, ſurely *The Imprejudicate Nuptial Society* deſerves ten times the praiſe and thanks of the nations of Europe in general, and of Great Britain and Ireland, in particular, as by the Plan adopted, the evil may be remedied, and vagabond offſpring be no longer a public complaint.

Previous to ſpeaking of the practical medium by which the Rules of this Social Inſtitution is carried into execution, it will be ſatisfactory to the

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virtuous part of the community to be informed, that a particular and ſelect number of Clergymen are and will be appointed Chaplains to the eſtabliſhment, in every county, city, and principal town, throughout England and Wales, by whom Sermons will be occaſionaly preached, for the benefit of the poor, and the amount collected by the reſpective Chaplains lodged in the hands of the Churchwardens of ſuch pariſhes, and the marriage expences to be paid thereout, of all ſuch as wiſh to live in the fear of God, and preſerve their characters as honeſt perſons, worthy the name of good chriſtians and good ſubjects; and alſo one guinea to be given to each couple who ſhall need it for a dinner on the wedding-day.

To methodize the Plan to a comprehenſive form, in as intelligent a mode as ſuch a proſpectus will admit, the following order is given, with as much perſpicuity, preciſion, and conciſeneſs, as poſſible.

The Form is reduced into Three Claſſes, namely,

First, Second, and Third.

The Firſt Claſs comprehends and includes all parties, male and female, whoſe expectations exceed £.5000.

The Second Claſs comprehends in like manner all ſums, from 500*l.* and under 5000*l.*

The Third or loweſt Claſs comprehends all expectations from a Guinea up to 500*l.*

The Entrance or Subſcription as a Member in the

First Claſs is — — 5 5 0 or One Guinea per quarter.
In the Second Claſs — 2 2 " a-guinea per quarter.
And the Third Claſs — 1 1 -and-threepence per quarter.

All Ladies or Gentlemen to deſcribe themſelves by real or fictitious names or addreſſes, as they may think proper, and give a detail of themſelves in words to the following purport or effect: viz.

FIRST CLASS.

I am 19 years of age, heireſs to a freehold eſtate, in Kent, of the value of 500*l.* per annum, beſides 15,000*l.* in the Public Funds; I have lately loſt my father, and am under a guardian; I am of the middle ſize, my eyes dark, my perſon agreeable, my temper and diſpoſition gay, my religion of the Church of England, &c.

SECOND CLASS.

I am 25 years of age, a widow, in haberdaſhery buſineſs in London, (as the caſe may be;) I have children, or no children; I conſider myſelf to be above the middle ſtature, blue eyes, auburn hair, &c. and am worth 3,500*l.*

THIRD CLASS.

A Lady may ſay, I am 18 years of age, middling ſtature, dark eyes and hair, &c. I live with my father, a farmer, in the county of Middleſex, who can give 500*l.* with me on the day of marriage, if I marry with his approbation, and I have been genteelly educated, &c.

Theſe are thought ſufficient outlines to inſtruct any Lady or Gentleman, who chooſe to deſcribe themſelves in that way they think moſt eſſential. For ſhould a Gentleman be pleaſed with the deſcription that a Lady has given of herſelf, there may be ſome things he might wiſh to know, which may not have been mentioned; as for inſtance, ſuppoſe a Gentleman begs to be informed

informed whether the Lady has any brothers or ſiſters; the Lady being aſked that, or any other proper queſtion, her anſwer will be added to her own deſcription.

Any queſtions of this ſort are proper to be enquired of the Actuary of this Office.

Theſe Deſcriptions are entered in the Ladies or Gentlemens Liſt of Firſt, Second, or Third Claſs, and to each is prefixed a *particular Number*, as thus:

LIST for the LADIES.

FIRST CLASS.

No. 1. A young gentleman juſt come of age, dark eyes and hair, middle ſtature, has a freehold eſtate, in Yorkſhire, of 500*l.* per annum, beſides 20,000*l.* in the Public Funds, &c.

No. 2. Deſcription of a rich Nabob.

No. 3, 4, 5 } After the ſame manner of ſome young or old rich perſonages.

SECOND CLASS.

No. 1. A Gentleman, 40 years of age, who thinks it likely he may meet with the fair hand of ſome Lady by this Inſtitution, deſcribes himſelf as enjoying a perfect ſtate of health, a little corpulent, rather of a dark complexion, wears his own hair, is Clerk in a Public Office, at 200*l.* per annum; 750*l.* in the Public Funds, and has a ſmall Eſtate in Surry, but lives in London, his temper even, lively diſpoſition, religion of the Church of England, &c.

A different deſcription.

No. 3. Ditto.

THIRD CLASS.

No. 1. A Clergyman of the Church of England, 30 years of age, dark eyes and hair, mild temper and diſpoſition, enjoys a curacy in the Weſt of England, of 70*l.* per annum, and keeps a ſchool, &c.

No. 2. A young man, 22 years of age, juſt ſet up for himſelf in the linen drapery buſineſs, in London, and is worth 500*l.* agreeable perſon, rather dark complexion, &c.

Liſt for the Gentlemen after the ſame Manner.

Neither Ladies nor Gentlemen, as was before obſerved, are required to give their real name and addreſs; but they muſt ſend ſome name and addreſs by which this Office may correſpond with them *(there can be ſuppoſed but few indeed who are without a confident on ſuch occaſions.)* Neither the name or addreſs, whether real or fictitious, will ever be diſcloſed.

The Subſcribers every quarter will be furniſhed with a Liſt of the deſcriptions of every one in the Claſs they belong to, *or oftener if they chooſe.*

When a Subſcriber approves of any one deſcription, he or ſhe writes to the Office, that they would be glad to correſpond with the number, whatever it may chance to be; ſuppoſe the application comes from a Gentleman, the Lady is informed that No. 140 wiſhes to correſpond with her, ſhe refers to her Liſt, and reads the deſcription of No. 140, and accordingly approves or diſapproves of correſponding; if approbation be granted, they can aſk of each

each other every neceſſary queſtion through the medium of this Office, till they are fully ſatisfied.

Either party may require the picture, or may appoint a proper perſon on his or her part to inveſtigate the truth of the ſituation, character, &c. of each other, before they have a perſonal interview; but either party may at any time give their real names and addreſſes, after leave to correſpond has been granted, by a letter encloſed addreſſed for *the number*; and then this Office leaves the matter to the parties themſelves.

If any Subſcriber gives an untrue deſcription, which muſt be found out when the real name and ſituation are made known, then ſuch Subſcriber, upon due information and ſatisfactory enquiry thereon, will have his or her name ſtruck out of the Liſt, and the reaſons for ſo doing entered in the Books.

The Firſt Claſs has a right to the Liſt of the other Two, and the Second to the Liſt of the Third, which leaves an opening to the opulent, who have fortune enough themſelves to make happy the objects of their choice; though in an inferior rank, or of an inferior fortune, where either the agreeable charms of a lovely perſon, or the engaging manners, may faſcinate the heart; while at the ſame time, expectation may be indulged, that the lower may be favoured with the correſpondence of the higher Claſs.

Every letter will be immediately anſwered by the return of the poſt; but it is expected every one ſent to this Office will be *poſt paid*.

Any perſon deſirous of becoming a Subſcriber, in whatever part of the kingdom, has only to ſend by the poſt their deſcription to this Office, encloſing the Poſtmaſter's order on the Poſt-Office in London, for the ſum of the ſubſcription, or the quarterly payments, as it may be moſt agreeable, which will be duly acknowledged, and in the manner by the Penny-Poſt in London.

As by the excellence of the Plan now under conſideration, the Ladies have a privilege contrary to the uſage of the ſex, and may make with all due decorum and ſtrict propriety, the firſt overture, and technically may be ſaid to chooſe for themſelves. Such advantages are too obvious to eſcape the public approbation.

The utility of this Inſtitution muſt be evident to every one, as it brings the parties deſirous of being united together, and then courtſhip goes on partly in the cuſtomary way, but with this difference in its favour, that in the common way men firſt fall in love, and then diſgracefully retreat, if there is not money enough; but here the circumſtances are firſt known, and nothing to prevent ſincere love afterwards. It is eaſy to conceive, that love may be formed in the heart by this mode, even before the actual interview.

Perſonal applications have been found too many to be poſſibly attended to; particularly where it has been required at diſtant parts of the town. Therefore, the Subſcribers are reſpectfully informed, that the Original Inſtitution of this Office has been on the Plan of a *Literary Correſpondence*, which obviates the difficulty, and is conducted by the Rev. Mr. *Watſon*, and proper Aſſiſtants, ~~No. 32, Old Bond-ſtreet~~, to whom all Letters are to be directed. No. 328 Strand, oppoſite Somerſet Place

N. B. The price of this Plan will be included in the Subſcription, by returning it to the Office.